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Solution of the Palestinian Problem

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You represent the American dream. Your aspirations and determination to become President in spite of all the odds, prove your strong character and that you can achieve what you plan. God blessed you and the First Lady with intelligence and common sense. You are both distinguished and capable lawyers. I am sure that with the help of the First Lady and your loyal Nationalist-American advisors you will succeed in achieving your goals for America in spite of the American and Foreign special interests lobbyists working against you. I am sure that you will be counted amongst the greatest United States Presidents. It was a wise decision to choose your Secretary of State, who is a distinguished lawyer, experienced diplomat, a former deputy secretary of state, a good negotiator and a man of high moral integrity. With his assistance, you will be able to succeed also in foreign policy.

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- 8. In 1947 the United Nations appointed a Special Committee which recommended two plans. Plan No. 1 to partition Palestine into an Arab state, a Jewish state with economic union, and an international regime for Jerusalem. The Partition Resolution laid down very important principles governing the relations between the Palestine Jews and Palestine Arabs. At that time there were in Palestine 1,440,000 Christian and Muslim Palestinians and 650,000 Jews, some of whom were Palestinian citizens and many were aliens or illegal immigrants. The second plan recommended the creation
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11. In 1967 Israel waged a War of Aggression against Egypt, Syria and Jordan and occupied Sinai, the Golan

Heights and the West Bank and Gaza.

Since 1967 Israel has usurped 65 per cent of the Palestinian lands in the West Bank and Gaza and 95 per cent of their water resources. It established 203 Jewish settlements on these usurped Palestinian lands. It transferred 150,000 Israelies to these settlements and settled 250,000 Israelies in settlements in the City of Jerusalem and its suburbs. It destroyed the economy of the Palestinians. It turned landowners and farmers into labourers and robbed the water leaving Palestinian farmers without water. It destroyed Palestinian farms and Palestinian industries.

Since the beginning of the Intifada in 1989, Israel has committed, and is still committing, the following War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against

the Palestinians:

(a) It is keeping 15,320 Palestinian men, women and juveniles in concentration camps and prisons. These prisoners are tortured and subjected to the most inhuman treatment similar to the Nazi treatment of Jews and non-Jews during the Nazi occupation of Europe.

(b) Israeli forces until the end of February, 1993, murdered 1,200 Palestinians amongst whom were more than 255 children, their ages ranging from three to 17 years. It injured more than 140,000 Palestinians, many of them were maimed for life. It destroyed and cut more than 140,000 olive and fruit trees. It imposed curfews on many communities of more than 11,500 hours. It destroyed or sealed more than 1,280 houses, thereby rendering more than 15,000 people homeless. During the last thirty days Israeli forces evacuated 40 families from their homes in the Gaza Strip and destroyed these homes by rockets and tank missiles. Israeli soldiers entered these homes and destroyed furnitures, refrigerators, television and food stuff. Their last crime was the expulsion of the 410 Palestinians to the Southern part of Lebanon. These expellees are from the West Bank and Gaza. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, farmers, religious leaders and businessmen. Israel refused and still refuses to abide by the Security Council resolution 799 and return these expellees to their homes and families.

The recent closing of the West Bank and Gaza by not permitting Palestinians to move from one part to another or enter Jerusalem amounts to declaring the West. Bank and Gaza as concentration camps and inflicting

untold hardships on 1.7 million people.

The Peace Negotiations Will Fail

The present peace negotiations will fail because Israel is not interested in making peace and considers that the status quo is more favorable to its colonial ambitions and expansionism in Palestine and the Middle East. The second reason for the failure of the peace negotiations is their own framework imposed by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy on Secretary of State Baker, namely negotiations about self-rule and not about a solution of the Palestine Problem immediately, on the basis of International Law and Justice and United Nations Resolutions. Unfortunately, the previous United States Administrations accepted and the present Ad-

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If negotiations will fail, the Palestinians will continue their armed resistance to the Israeli occupation and the Israeli government will intensify its crimes against the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. The present Israeli government may fall and a new coalition government between LIKUD and Labour, or a LIKUD government alone, may be formed which will implement the well-studied plan of transfer, namely, expelling the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza, by massacres and bloodshed, to neighboring Arab countries. Should this happen, a bloody war will erupt between Israel and the Arab and Muslim worlds when nuclear and chemical weapons may be used. This war will be a catastrophe and a new Holocaust for all the peoples of the Middle East. How Can the United States

Make Peace Between Israel and The Palestinians and the Arab States?

1. The United States must inform Israel that it cannot live in the Middle East as a colonial, apartheid state but as a peaceful state within its recognized boundaries defined by the partition resolution of 1947.

2. Israeli armed forces must immediately withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza and must be replaced by

United Nations peace-keeping forces.

3. Israeli armed forces must withdraw from the Syrian Golan Heights, from Southern Lebanon and from Jordan to the Armistice boundaries established by the Armistice Agreements of 1949 which were confirmed by the Security Council Resolution 78 (1949) of the 11th day of August, 1949.

Then and only then fruitful negotiations for peace can be made between the Arabs and Israel for peaceful co-

existence and mutual secruity for all.

The Issues Which Should Be Negotiated Between the Parties

The negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel should be on the basis of the following Security Council resolutions: 242 of 22 November 1967, 2253 (ES-V) and 2254 (ES-V) of 4 and 14 July 1967, 252 of 21 May 1968, 267 of 3 July 1969, 271 (1969) of 15 September 1969, 298 (1971) of 25 September 1971, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and 726 of January 6, 1992. And also on the basis on the General Assembly resolutions 181 (II), 194 (III) and all the General Assembly resolutions adopted during the last ten years.

The issues which must be negotiated between the

Palestinians and Israel are the following:

(a) The boundaries between Israel and the Palestine state.

(b) Arrangements for co-existence between Israel and the Palestine state in Jerusalem and guarantees for the Holy places and freedom of religion for all faiths

(c) Giving all settlements established by Israel in the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestine state. This would be considered as part of a settlement between Israel and the Palestine state when discussing the restitution and compensation regarding Palestinian properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1947 to 1992.

(d) The restitution to the Palestine refugees of all

their tangible properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1948 to 1992 in the areas Israel occupied between 1947-1950 and compensation for the private property which cannot be restituted. Under international law private property is sacred and, therefore, Israel is under legal and moral obligation to restitute the Palestinians all their private properties or compensate them for those properties that cannot be restituted. Israel obtained compensation from Germany exceeding \$30 billion, and at present requesting restitution of, or compensation for, private Jewish properties which were usurped in all European countries.

(e) The implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 194 (III) and other United Nations resolutions regarding the return of Palestinian refugees who must be given the option to return to their homes, or not

to return, and be compensated.

(f) Mutual security of Israel and the Palestine state.

(g) Economic cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian state. If the United States and Israel want to solve the Palestine problem, this is the only way which will bring peace, security and prosperity to the Middle East.

Issues to Be Settled Between Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan

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(a) The demarcation of boundaries.

(b) Compensation for the occupation of parts of these three Arab countries and the destruction of Arab towns and villages in the occupied territories.

(c) The destruction of chemical, biological and nuclear

weapons in these countries.

The solutions of the problems between Israel on the one hand and the Palestinians, Syrians, Lebanese and Jordanians on the other, must be comprehensive and must be agreed to, and signed, in one peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Multinational Negotiations

The multinational negotiations must only be made after the signing of peace treaties between Israel and the Palestinians, Syrians, Lebanese and Jordanians. No Arab or Middle East country will, or should, sign any agreement with Israel regarding the matters discussed by the multinational negotiations before signing the above-mentioned peace treaties.

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branded a traitor to the Palestine nation.

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"The object of His Majesty's Government is the establishment within ten years of an independent Palestine state. The independent state should be one in which Arabs and Jews share in government in such a way as to ensure that the essential interests of each community are safeguarded. The establishment of the independent State will be preceded by a transitional period throughout which His Majesty's Government will retain responsibility for the government of the country."

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- 8. In 1947 the United Nations appointed a Special Committee which recommended two plans. Plan #1 to partition Palestine into an Arab state, a Jewish state with economic union, and an international regime for Jerusalem. The Partition Resolution laid down very important principles governing the relations between the Palestine Jews and Palestine Arabs. At that time there were in Palestine 1,440,000 Christian and Muslim Palestinians and 650,000 Jews, some of whom were Palestinian citizens and many were aliens or illegal immigrants. The second plan recommended the creation of a federal state between a Jewish and an Arab state.
- 9. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Partition Plan on the 29th day of November, 1947. When it became apparent that the implementation of the partition plan could not be made peacefully, the Security Council called for an Emergency Session of the United Nations General Assembly to consider further the future government of Palestine. The General Assembly met in May, 1948, and the United States

Delegation submitted a draft resolution to place Palestine under a United Nations trusteeship until a peaceful solution can be found. While the General Assembly was meeting, discussing the trusteeship draft resolution, Zionist leaders met in Tel Aviv and issued a Declaration of Independence and established a Jewish state within the boundaries defined by the Partition Resolution. The provision Government of the Jewish state requested recognition from the United Nations, the United States, and the Soviet Union. President Truman, under the influence of Zionist leaders, recognized the Jewish state defacto after eleven minutes of its declaration in Tel Aviv. The Soviet Union recognized the Jewish state dejure.

- 10. War erupted between the Palestinian Arabs and the Palestinian Jews. Palestinian Jews were aided by British forces which were still in occupation of Palestine, and were armed by the Soviet Union by sending weapons to Tel Aviv through Czechoslovakia. The three Zionist terrorist organizations mentioned above committed the following War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide.
- (a) They violated the territorial integrity of Palestine and occupied 80% thereof.
- (b) They expelled from Palestine more than 800,000 Palestinian Arabs.
- (c) They committed many massacres against the Palestinian Arabs.
- (d) They prevented the Palestinian refugees from returning to their homes.
- (e) They erased from the map of Palestine 492 Arab small towns and villages and usurped all the houses, lands and properties of Palestinian Arabs in these towns and villages.
- (f) They usurped 95% of the houses, apartments and commercial buildings of Palestinians in 12 cities, namely, Safad, Tiberias, Acre, Beisan, Haifa, Jaffa, Lydda, Ramle, New Jerusalem, Majdal, Beersheba, Ainkaren and other smaller towns.
- (g) They looted, pillaged and plundered all the furniture, machinery, equipment, merchandise and all worldly possessions of the Palestinian Arabs in 80% of Palestine.
- (h) They have violated the right of selfdetermination of the Palestinian Arabs, their sovereignty over their wealth and natural resources, their political, civil, proprietary and religious rights.

According to these facts Israel is an illegitimate state whose leaders should be tried for War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide. Israel is an apartheid regime treating the Palestinian Arabs within its borders as second-class citizens, robbing them of their lands, and subjecting them to military law.

11. In 1967 Israel waged a War of Aggression against Egypt, Syria and Jordan and occupied Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank and Gaza.

Since 1967 Israel has usurped 65% of the Palestinian lands in the West Bank and Gaza and 95% of their water resources. It established 203 Jewish settlements on these usurped Palestinian lands. It transferred 150,000 Israelies to these settlements and settled 250,000 Israelies in settlements in the City of Jerusalem and its suburbs. It destroyed the economy of the Palestinians. It turned landowners and farmers into labourers and robbed the water leaving Palestinian farmers without water. It destroyed Palestinian farms and Palestinian industries.

Since the beginning of the Intifada in 1989, Israel has committed, and is still committing, the following War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians:

- (a) It is keeping 15,320 Palestinian men, women and juveniles in concentration camps and prisons. These prisoners are tortured and subjected to the most inhuman treatment similar to the Nazi treatment of Jews and non-Jews during the Nazi occupation of Europe.
- (b) Israeli forces until the end of February, 1993, murdered 1,200 Palestinians amongst whom were more than 255 children, their ages ranging from 3 to 17 years. It injured more than 140,000 Palestinians, many of them were maimed for life. It destroyed and cut more than 140,000 olive and fruit trees. It imposed curfews on many communities of more than 11,500 hours. It destroyed or sealed more than 1,280 houses, thereby rendering more than 15,000 people homeless. During the last thirty days Israeli forces evacuated 40 families from their homes in the Gaza Strip and destroyed these homes by rockets and tank missiles. Israeli soldiers entered these homes and destroyed furnitures, refrigerators, televisions and food stuff. Their last crime was the expulsion of the 410 Palestinians to the Southern part of Lebanon. These expellees are from the West Bank and Gaza. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, farmers, religious leaders and businessmen. Israel refused and still refuses to abide by the Security Council resolution 799 and return these expellees to their homes and families.

The recent closing of the West Bank and Gaza by not permitting Palestinians to move from one part to another or enter Jerusalem amounts to declaring the West Bank and Gaza as concentration camps and inflicting untold hardships on 1.7 million people.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WILL FAIL

The present peace negotiations will fail because Israel is not interested in making peace and considers that the status quo is more favorable to its colonial ambitions and expansionism in Palestine and the Middle East. The second reason for the failure of the peace negotiations is their own framework imposed by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy on Secretary of State Baker, namely negotiations about self-rule and not about a solution of the Palestine Problem immediately, on the basis of International Law and Justice and United Nations Resolutions. Unfortunately, the previous United States Administrations accepted and the present Administration is still accepting this wrong framework.

If negotiations will fail, the Palestinians will continue their armed resistance to the Israeli occupation and the Israeli government will intensify its crimes against the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. The present Israeli government may fall and a new coalition government between LIKUD and Labour, or a LIKUD government alone, may be formed which will implement the well-studied plan of transfer, namely, expelling the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza, by massacres and bloodshed, to neighboring Arab countries. Should this happen, a bloody war will erupt between Israel and the Arab and Muslim worlds when nuclear and chemical weapons may be used. This war will be a catastrophe and a new Holocaust for all the peoples of the Middle East.

HOW CAN THE UNITED STATES MAKE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB STATES?

l. The United States must inform Israel that it cannot live in the Middle East as a colonial, apartheid state but as a peaceful state within its recognized boundaries defined by the partition resolution of 1947.

- 2. Israeli armed forces must immediately withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza and must be replaced by United Nations peace-keeping forces.
- 3. Israeli armed forces must withdraw from the Syrian Golan Heights, from Southern Lebanon and from Jordan to the Armistice boundaries established by the Armistice Agreements of 1949 which were confirmed by the Security Council Resolution 73 (1949) of the 11th day of August, 1949.

Then and only then fruitful negotiations for peace can be made between the Arabs and Israel for peaceful co-existence and mutual security for all.

THE ISSUES WHICH SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

The negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel should be on the basis of the following Security Council resolutions: 242 of 22 November 1967, 2253 (ES-V) and 2254 (ES-V) of 4 and 14 July 1967, 252 of 21 May 1968, 267 of 3 July 1969, 271 (1969) of 15 September 1969, 298 (1971) of 25 September 1971, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and 726 of January 6, 1992. And also on the basis on the General Assembly resolutions 181 (II), 194 (III) and all the General Assembly resolutions adopted during the last ten years.

The issues which must be negotiated between the Palestinians and Israel are the following:

- (a) The boundaries between Israel and the Palestine state.
- (b) Arrangements for co-existence between Israel and the Palestine state in Jerusalem and guarantees for the Holy places and freedom of religion for all faiths.
- (c) Giving all settlements established by Israel in the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestine state. This would be considered as part of a settlement between Israel and the Palestine state when discussing the restitution and compensation regarding Palestinian properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1947 to 1992.
- (d) The restitution to the Palestine refugees of all their tangible properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1948 to 1992 in the areas Israel occupied between 1947 1950 and compensation for the private

property which cannot be restituted. Under international law private property is sacred and, therefore, Israel is under legal and moral obligation to restitute to Palestinians all their private properties or compensate them for those properties that cannot be restituted. Israel obtained compensation from Germany exceeding \$30 billion, and at present requesting restitution of, or compensation for, private Jewish properties which were usurped in all European countries.

- (e) The implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 194 (III) and other United Nations resolutions regarding the return of Palestinian refugees who must be given the option to return to their homes, or not to return, and be compensated.
- (f) Mutual security of Israel and the Palestine state.
- (g) Economic cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian state. If the United States and Israel want to solve the Palestine problem, this is the only way which will bring peace, security and prosperity to the Middle East.

ISSUES TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN ISRAEL, SYRIA, LEBANON AND JORDAN

The issues which must be settled between Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan are the following:

- (a) The demarcation of boundaries.
- (b) Compensation for the occupation of parts of these three Arab countries and the destruction of Arab towns and villages in the occupied territories.
- (c) The destruction of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in these countries.

The solutions of the problems between Israel on the one hand and the Palestinians, Syrians, Lebanese and Jordanians on the other, must be comprehensive and must be agreed to, and signed, in one peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

THE MULTINATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

The multinational negotiations must only be made after the signing of peace treaties between Israel and the Palestinians, Syrians, Lebanese and Jordanians. No Arab or Middle East country will, or should, sign any agreement with Israel regarding the matters discussed by the multinational negotiations before signing the abovementioned peace treaties.

Mr. President.

The six and a half million Palestinian Christians and Muslims are genuinely interested in peace, but this peace must be just and permanent. The Palestine National Council declared a Palestine state and elected Yasser Arafat as its President. One hundred and three nations, members of the United Nations, recognized the Palestine state. It is time that the United States and Israel recognize that State. The President of the State of Palestine, Mr. Yasser Arafat, declared in Geneva that the Palestinians want to forgive and forget and live in peace with Israel provided Israel negotiate in good faith the solution of the Palestine Problem in accordance with International Law and Justice and United Nations Resolutions from 1947 until 1992.

This was a magnanimous declaration by the President of Palestine. The Jews are full of hate and animosity towards the Nazis, they will never accept to recognize the Nazis and co-exist with them. However, the Palestinians who were victims of Genocide by the Israelis are willing to forgive and forget, make mutual recognition and live in peace with the Israelis. But this peace must be an immediate, just and lasting peace in accordance with International Law and United Nations Resolutions, and not on the basis of the fait accompli established by force and aggression, colonialism and the law of the Jungle.

Any Palestinian who accepts the self-rule solution or the fait accompli established by Israeli aggression will be branded a traitor to the Palestine nation.

Israel and the United States always raise the question of guaranteeing Israeli existence and security. The existence and security of Israel will not be guaranteed by Israeli military might and by aggression, expansion and occupying more Arab lands. They can only be guaranteed by Israeli

withdrawal to its recognized boundaries defined by the Partition Resolution, by restituting to Palestinians their usurped properties, by allowing Palestinian refugees to return home and by living in the Middle East as a peaceful neighbor and not as a colonial aggressor and occupier.

Mr. President,

This is the only way to make a just and permanent peace in Palestine and the Middle East. If you use your influence, to achieve this peace according to the honest and sincere advice submitted in this letter, history will record that you are the greatest United States President. God will bless you and your family and will bless the United States of America for bringing peace and justice to the Holy Land - Palestine, and the Bible lands around it.

I am enclosing a Memorandum which contains important information about the Palestine Problem.

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